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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a broadband consumer and resident in the Bay Area, I'm concerned about the petition that USTelecom has submitted to the FCC to dismantle many of the key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Access to fast, competitive broadband is critical both for my business and my home, and my current highly competitive broadband experience wouldn't be possible without the provisions of this act. I currently use a carrier (Sonic) as a residential consumer, and they use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the marketplace. Without their ability to do so, it would have been impossible for me to have access to competitive broadband. Indeed, before they arrived on the scene the only options were through monopolistic carriers who charged me four times the amount for one quarter of the bandwidth that I receive today.

I encourage you to reject these changes and restore the ability for residential customers like myself to gain access to competitive broadband.

Best Regards,

Michael Noel